



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 528**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 346

*Senate, April 18, 2006*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of special act 02-7 is amended to read as follows  
2 (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 [The Office of Policy and Management shall conduct] The General  
4 Assembly, after consultation with the Commission on Aging, the  
5 Long-Term Care Advisory Council and the Long-Term Care Planning  
6 Committee, shall contract for a comprehensive needs assessment of the  
7 unmet long-term care needs in the state and project future demand for  
8 [such] services. Such assessment shall include, [a review of the  
9 Department of Mental Retardation's waiting list] but not be limited to,  
10 a review and evaluation of: (1) The number of persons presently at risk  
11 for having unmet long-term care needs, (2) the number of persons  
12 potentially at risk for having long-term care needs over the course of  
13 the next thirty years, (3) public and private resources available to meet  
14 long-term care needs, including the adequacy of current resources and

15 the projected resources needed to address long-term care needs over  
 16 the next thirty years, (4) the existing array of services available to  
 17 persons with long-term care needs, (5) public and private service  
 18 delivery systems for persons with long-term care needs, (6) state  
 19 government's programmatic structure in meeting the needs of persons  
 20 requiring long-term care, and (7) strategies that may assist families in  
 21 making provisions for their own long-term care needs at reasonable  
 22 costs. Such assessment shall also include recommendations on  
 23 qualitative and quantitative changes that should be made to existing  
 24 programs or service delivery systems, including recommendations on  
 25 new programs or service delivery systems to better serve persons with  
 26 long-term care needs.

27       Sec. 2. Section 17a-317 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes  
 28 shall take effect July 1, 2007. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	SA 02-7, Sec. 1
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17a-317

**AGE**       *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

APP

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Aging, Com. on; Legislative Mgmt.; Social Services, Dept.	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The bill requires Legislative Management, in consultation with the Commission on Aging, the Long-Term Care Advisory Council and the Long-Term Care Planning Committee to contract for a comprehensive needs assessment of the unmet long-term care needs in the state and project future demand for such services. The budget bill, sHB 5007, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee contains \$200,000 in FY 07 for the Commission on Aging for a long term care needs assessment, there is no such funding provided to Legislative Management. It is anticipated that the Commission on Aging, rather than Legislative Management, will provide the funds necessary for this study.

The bill also delays the establishment of the Department of Aging from January 1, 2007 until July 1, 2007. The 2005-2007 Biennial Budget included \$450,000 under the Department of Social Services to recognize the establishment of the new agency in FY 07. Due to the delay included in this bill, these funds will not be expended in FY 07.

#### **The Out Years**

There is no out year fiscal impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 346****AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A  
COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT.****SUMMARY:**

This bill postpones the effective date of the 2005 law that requires establishment of a Department on Aging by six months, from January 1, 2007 to July 1, 2007.

The bill also transfers the existing duty to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment of unmet long-term care (LTC) needs and project future demand for such services from the Office of Policy and Management to the General Assembly. It requires the General Assembly to contract for the assessment, rather than conduct it, and to do so after consulting with the Commission on Aging, the Long-Term Care Advisory Council, and the Long-Term Care Planning Committee. It specifies numerous items which the assessment must include.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage for the Department on Aging's effective date change and July 1, 2006 for the comprehensive needs assessment provisions.

**AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT**

The bill requires the comprehensive needs assessment to include:

1. the number of people (a) presently at risk for having unmet LTC needs and (b) potentially at risk for having LTC needs over the next 30 years;
2. public and private resources available to meet the LTC needs, including adequacy of current resources and projected resources

needed to address LTC needs over the next 30 years;

3. the existing services available to people with LTC needs;
4. public and private service delivery systems for people with LTC needs;
5. state government's programmatic structure in meeting the needs of people requiring LTC;
6. strategies that may assist families in providing for their own LTC needs at reasonable cost; and
7. recommendations on qualitative and quantitative changes that should be made to existing programs or service delivery programs, including recommendations on new programs or service delivery systems to better serve people with LTC needs.

The bill removes a requirement of current law that the assessment specifically include a review of the Department of Mental Retardation's (DMR) waiting list.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Aging

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference  
Yea 11 Nay 1 (03/07/2006)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 51 Nay 0 (03/31/2006)